

## NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - JANUARY 1978

ST MARTIN'S CHURCH is to join the Quidenham Church of England group of parishes at the end of January 1978. There will be a Parochial Church Council meeting under the Chairmanship of the Rev. Lathe of the Quidenham group at 8 p.m. on Monday 16th January, to consider the modelities of this change in our pastoral care. Any member of the congregation who wishes to attend the meeting will be welcome.

A service of inauguration into the group will be held on Sunday 29th January at 10.30 a.m. in St Martins. It is expected that the Bishop of Thetford will be present. Coffee will be served after the service and the occasion will give members of the congregation an opportunity to meet the Bishop and the Quidenham group of clergy.

The meeting on January 16th will take place in the Church.

Frank Smitherman - Hon Sec. B.C.C.

### CHURCH SERVICES AND CHURCH NOTICES

#### The Midnight Service

About 100 people attended Church. The collection of £23 was sent to the Samaritans. The celebrant was Rev. Enoch Davis who was assisted by Dr Hamerton and Mr Keith Mace.

The Carol Service on December 23rd was well attended. Lesson readers were Mrs Burrows, Messrs Saunders, Wright, Stamp, Hamerton and Diana McKernon. Well loved Carols were sung by the congregation, three carols were sung by the Church Choir and one by the Sunday School.

Church Services will take place each Sunday at 11 a.m.

Sunday School starts again on January 15th.

Choir Practice as arranged; starting later in January.

Christmas decorations may be left in position.

A Flower list will be in the Church porch, will ladies please fill in.

Brasses: Mrs Wright,

Donald Steward. Church Warden.

### METHODIST CHURCH

#### Services.

#### Morning.

#### Evening.

Jan. 1st.

Own arrangement.

No Service.

8th.

Rev. Grewer.

Rev. Webstsr

15th.

Miss Taylor

No service.

22nd

Own arrangement.

Mrs Coleman.

29th.

Rev. Coggle.

No service.

### WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP

31st January. Members afternoon.

CAROL SERVICE The collection at this service amounted to £12. This was sent to the Indian Typhoon Relief Fund.

F. Potter.

### PAST & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The outing to the Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk - Friday January 27th. Bus will leave New Buckenham at 6.30 p.m.

Margaret Wright.



## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION WOMENS' SECTION

Next meeting January 5th in the Village Hall.

### GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to my retirement present, it was greatly appreciated. I will see members in the New year to tell you how I have spent the money.

NEXT MEETING Thursday February 16th.

Gwen Gray.

### CHRISTMAS TREE

The Market Place Christmas Tree from Mr Taylor of Bury's Hall dressed by the Silver Band; with the Cross over the Church managed by Derek Bowen and the splendid carol service from the Choir followed by a very full midnight Communion taken by The Rev. Davis from Croxton has made an outstanding and widely appreciated contribution to Christmas.

Tree Rescue Thanks to the valiant efforts of the Band and Mr Gilbert and Mr Albert Cooper the tree was in full show again and sustained by guy ropes by midday after being snapped off at ground level by the storm in the early hours of Christmas Eve.

### VILLAGE HALL

Our Bingo and Christmas Sale made a profit of £157 which has been divided between Church, Chapel and Village Hall.

I should like to thank everyone that supported these functions and making such a success. Our Bingo on December 21st made a profit of £10.

I should like to mention that within a fortnight of renewing the mens' cloakroom pegs, one was broken off. I wonder who could do this kind of damage!

We hope during 1978 we shall be able to do some more improvements to the hall.

Our January Bingos. Wednesday January 4th and 18th.

Jean Howling.

I expect many of you remember Mr and Mrs Horace Dade. I received a card from them at Christmas and Karin tells me that Pauline is married and is in Germany for 2½ years. Roy has passed five "A" levels and is training at Sandhurst to be an Army Officer. Congratulations to Roy.

Jean Howling.

### SILVER WEDDING

Mr and Mrs C. Mace celebrated their Silver Wedding on Boxing Day. We wish them many happy years together.

### INVALIDS

Miss Dorothy Herbert has suffered an accident in which her arm was broken. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mrs Salt and Mrs Lizzie Symonds are among our invalids.



## ALS

Welcome to Mr and Mrs Holman, Chapel Street; to Miss McTurk Market Square and to Mr and Mrs Cunliffe; mine host and hostess at the George Hotel.

Mr and Mrs Sydenham plan to leave the Village in the early new year.

### THE PARISH: MEMORIES AND THOUGHTS

It was in the balmy autumn, following the perfect summer of 1959 that we arrived in New Buckenham - to begin what was to be nearly 18 happy years in this unique village. On Christmas Eve - midnight communion was celebrated, for the first time in many hundred years in this parish and starting something that was new in the deanery.

This service was well attended and has continued in unbroken sequence since.

In the early '60s we had another service, the watchnight service with the ringing out of the old year and ringing in of the new. One of the first parochial calls we made was to Hunt's Farm where the late Mrs Eric Gladden entertained us to a farm house tea. Until her untimely death Mrs Gladden was a regular church worshipper, worker and parish visitor.

Another early parochial call was to the late Mrs Bird (King Street) whose daughter Eva undertook to be responsible for the Sunday School. This she has done loyally through thick and thin. My husband thought that every parish should have a Sunday School, Church Choir and Altar Servers.

He was the envy of his brethren in the chapter in that he always had an altar server. The entire sons of the Eagling family served him, one or two adults and for the last years the loyal Keith Mace.

The Choir has continued, sometime weak, sometimes strong, but always there.

My husband thought music was very important to aid Church worship. I was therefore dismayed that at a recent Deanery Synod, when a member deplored the demise of church organists and choirs, he was somewhat slapped down and told that neither of these was important to worship.

Surely music is an aural aid to worship, and colour and ceremonial are visual aids - without these we might well repair to an upstairs room and join the "Society of Friends".

The first nail in the coffin of the village was when our primary school closed.

I am sure many of you will regret that our Vicar will not be replaced and we are joining a team ministry.

Because of inflation the Church is decreasing the number of so called inferior clergy. I expect they call it "rationalisation". This word recalls memories of Beeching and the railways. That operation didn't work either.

The church predicts a vastly decreased clergy force in the future. Predictionstend to misfire, hence the large number of unemployed school teachers. We can all try and predict the future.

Mt crystal ball tells me that twenty years hence team ministries will disappear and be replaced by pluralities. Already the clergy are divided into groups - the chapter is the group and the Rural Dean the group leader.

The Church has survived many financial difficulties - perhaps the worst this century was in 1936 when the ecclesiastical commissioners exchanged the tithe for 53 million pounds in 3% Government stock. Many livings were impoverished at a stroke.

I have an old Crockford clerical directory dated 1935. Although the livings were unequal, some well endowed, some received tithe rent charges and some having to be augmented, the average income of £600



per annum was more in real terms than the parson's stipend today. In those days although many livings were held in plurality, there were more clergy than today, but fewer Bishops - I wonder why? Is it customary that when the army is reduced more Generals are put into the field?

The only thing that keeps up with inflation in the Church is the administration.

Comparison between the Central Board of Finance's report for 1948 and the one for 1976 is quite staggering. So many of the costly central services were unheard of in 1948. Perhaps one day these services will be "rationalized" for the Church will surely say with us all that small is not only beautiful it is economical and efficient.

A recent survey tells us that the Church of England lost membership in the region of 17% last year and was bottom of the list behind the free churches and the Roman Catholic Church but greatly to the fore are the Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses.

There must be a reason for this and perhaps the reason is reaction against present trends.

Joan Whitwham.



## NEW BUCKENHAM PARISH NEWS - FEBRUARY 1978

This month and from now on the Quidenham Group News will be delivered to every house. The New Buckenham Magazine will be somewhat abbreviated. Will those who regularly contribute please send news on the 25th of each month. There will still be room for views and comment. Church news will be included in the Group Magazine.

J. Whitwham.

### CHURCH SERVICES FOR NEW BUCKENHAM

Feb. 5th and 19th SUNG EUCHARIST at 11 a.m.

Feb. 12th and 28th. EARLY COMMUNION 8 a.m.

MATINS 11 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. 10.15 a.m.

CHOIR PRACTICE. 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday evenings.

ASH WEDNESDAY. Holy Communion 10.30 a.m. (Feb. 8th)

NO FLOWERS DURING LENT.

BRASSES. Mrs Lincoln.

Donald Steward (Church Warden).

### METHODIST SERVICES

#### Morning.

#### Evening.

Feb. 5th.	Mr Harvey.	Own arrangement.
12th.	Mr Ward.	" "
19th.	Own arrangement.	Mr Fitches.
26th.	Mr Davidson.	Own arrangement.

### Womens' Fellowship

Feb. 14th. Mrs Cawston.

28th. Rev. Webster.

These meetings will be held at 2.30 p.m.

F. Potter.

### PAST & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Good Companions Club Next meeting Thurs. 16th February.

### PAST & FORTHCOMING EVENTS contd.

#### Royal British Legion - Womens' Section

Meeting in Village Hall at 2.30 p.m. on Feb. 2nd. Will members please bring their oldest and most treasured possessions, such as old boxes, jewellery, china etc. Our President Mrs FitzPatrick would be interested to see such a collection.

E. Powell (Chairman)

#### NOTICES, ARTICLES etc.

ARRIVALS: Mr and Mrs Webb and family have come to live in the house next to the Goddard family. We extend a warm welcome to them.

DEPARTURES Mr and Mrs Ellingham and family have left the village.

INVALIDS Mrs Taylor (Bury's Hall) has been a patient in a Colchester Nursing Home. She is at home now and making progress.

OBITUARY: On going to print we hear with deep sorrow of the death of Mrs Hilda Woodcraft. R.I.P.

#### FLOWERS & BRASSES

Lists are in the Church porch. If any lady would like to do these but is afraid of taking someone else's place on the rota, will she please give her name to me and I will fill in accordingly.

J. Whitwham.

#### PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 21st Feb. at 8.30 p.m.



OLD BUCKENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL -

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 1977

I went to Old Buckenham Primary School's Concert just before last Christmas. It really was one of the best entertainments I have seen for a long time.

About one hundred and seventy boys and girls took part and from the moment the concert started great self discipline throughout all the classes was very evident, which surely takes a great deal of patience and organisation.

The first item was a carol sung by the class of the youngest children and how very young some of them looked! They filed on to the stage very quietly, sat down cross legged and with folded arms sang with every word understandable and distinct. Their sweaters, skirts, jeans and shirts, and the girls hair ribbons made a marvellous collection of colours.

The next item, the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears was a giggle - with the cast obviously thinking so too.

I'd forgotten the story of Puss in Boots. In my mind it was confused with Dick Whittington and his cat - but I shan't forget it again. The splendidly gawdy royal coach - complete with four rubber tyres - which transported the King and Queen with their royal daughters and their suitors dressed in the height of fashion was very impressive. The horse both front and back ends of the creature which drew the coach worked very earnestly unlike the usual pantomime horse!

The age long Mummer's story of St George, the Dragon, the doctor and the Moorish Knight was great value. The bent card board sword of St George,

wielded with such vigour amused everyone - so did the physic administered by the little Doctor - and I repeat, we heard every word of the play.

To those readers who weren't at the concert this probably sounds a long afternoon's entertainment, but it all took place in just under an hour and a half and included more songs and carols and ended with a charming version of the Nativity. The time passed all too soon.

The result of all this singing, acting, with clarity of diction and the good behaviour and obvious enjoyment by the children has made it quite unforgettable. I'm sure all the parents must be very proud of their children and pleased with such obvious proof of the hard work and efforts of all the Primary School staff.

Joan FitzPatrick.

Mrs Gemmell has received a letter from the Eitels who are at present in Germany. They send their good wishes to all - Little Jim is doing well.



# February Diary

We 1st Banham MU 2 Crown Way. 2.30 Mrs Simmonds  
Th 2nd Kenninghall & Quidenham MU Reading Rm 2.30  
Eccles PCC Bishop's Farm 7.30pm  
Fr 3rd Children's groups 3.30 & 7pm  
Sa 4th O.B. WI Cheese & Wine Mrs Robertshaw's 7.30pm  
Mo 6th Quidenham PCC Rectory 7.30pm  
Tu 7th Eccles VA School managers meeting 6.15  
We 8th ASH WEDNESDAY 10.30 New Buckenham  
7.30pm at Kenninghall, Banham, Old Buckenham.  
Banham WI Mrs Snowden 'Hong Kong'. 7.30.  
Th 9th Kenninghall WI 2.30 Mrs Coleman. Looking for a house.  
Fr 10th Children's groups 3.30 & 7pm  
Sa 11th Group 77 10am  
Su 12th Wilby Annual meeting.  
Fr 17th Children's groups 3.30 & 7pm  
We 22nd Deanery Synod  
Prayer Group, Mullagh, Kenninghall 7.30pm  
Th 23rd O.Buckenham WI Mrs Gray Cakes from the oven top.  
Fr 24th Children's groups 3.30 & 7pm  
Sa 25th Group 77 10am  
Su 26th Eccles Annual meeting.

FUNERALS In the last month the funerals have taken place of:  
Oswald Frederick Shilling at Kenninghall on 7th January  
Kevin Lee Hunt at Eccles on 13th January  
Charles Barnes at Old Buckenham on 16th January.  
May they rest in peace.

## LENT EVENT

WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY

NEW BUCKENHAM 7-30PM CHOIR &  
A SERVICE OF READINGS AND MUSIC FOR CONGREGATION

A HIDDEN CONGREGATION. Perhaps you didn't know, but another group of people receive Holy Communion in their homes. If you would like to join them - let us know.

## CLERGYMEN AT WORK . . .

There are certain things which have been around for so long that you simply expect them to be there. It is only when they disappear that you are forced to think.

In our group of parishes, including New Buckenham, our parsons have been reduced from four to two in a very short time. We know that this means extra work and more getting about for Anthony and Ken.

The Group Council have been discussing the cost of the work done by our clergy. We feel that we should all do more to help them meet the costs their work demands, mainly, of course, in the running expenses of car and motor cycle.

At present the church-going members of our communities, through their church councils, have already agreed to provide something like half the actual cost. But as our clergy are available to all people in our villages and do many things for the communities as a whole, we felt that more people would like to help in this work by contributing to it.

It may come as a surprise that nearly all parsons, including our own, meet the costs of their work largely out of their own pockets. When they are visiting, taking services, attending meetings, organising events - they are doing it at their own expense. While they do not complain, and only rarely mention the fact - is it right?

If you would like to help or have ideas of how more can be done, please write or telephone me. I am the Group Treasurer. JOHN SALISBURY, The Old Rectory, Wilby, Quidenham, NORWICH. NR16 Tel: Quidenham 414.

## A GOOD THING.

There was an excellent response to the first meeting of the children's church in Kenninghall - it was indeed encouraging to see so many children. Of course, we should like the number to grow, so it is worth mentioning that it is not only limited to the younger groups in Kenninghall, but to anyone of school age. Helping with the little ones is something older children could do quite well. Also children from villages round about would be welcome. We meet at 10.45 in the Baptist chapel room and then go on to join the adults in church later on.



# READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

5th James 1 2-12 Mark 4 35-41 Miracles  
 12th Hebrs 4 12-16 Luke 4 1-13 Temptation  
 19th 1 Jn 3 -1-8 Matt 12 22-32 Conflict  
 26th Col 1 24-29 Luke 9 18-27 Suffering

## CHURCH SERVICES IN FEBRUARY 1978

	5th Quinquag.	12th Lent 1	19th Lent 2	26th Lent 3
BANHAM	9.30 F	8 9.30	9.30	8 9.30
KENNINGHALL	8 11 3.30	11 3.30	8 11 3.30	11 3.30
OLD BUCKENHAM	9.45	9.45 F	9.45	9.45
QUIDENHAM	11	11	11	11
NEW BUCKENHAM	11	8 11	11	8 11
ECCLES / WILBY		9.45 WILBY		9.45 F ECCLES

Note : F = family service.

### HOLY DAYS

Wed 8th ASH WEDNESDAY 10.30am New Buckenham  
 7.30pm Banham  
 " Kenninghall  
 " Old Buckenham  
 Fri 24th ST. MATTHIAS 9am Banham.

KENNETH REEVES  
 Banham Rectory  
 Quidenham 562

ANTHONY LATHE  
 Quidenham Rectory  
 Quidenham 479

# NEWS FEB 78

for the QUIDENHAM GROUP OF PARISHES

## STOCKTAKING

During the past weeks in shops and stores all over the country SALE notices have been prominently displayed. People have queued to buy goods at reduced prices even though in most places the 'bargains' are the itmes which the shopkeepers ordered in error and now wish to unload before taking in new stock. It is a time for clearing out, reassessing and restocking.

In millions of homes women, and some men, are preparing for the onslaught of Spring Cleaning. The removal from cupboards and drawers of unwanted articles, the clearance of hoarded rubbish, the refurbishing of rooms, are all part of this annual ritual. For a brief period we stand back and examine our familiar surroundings with a critical eye and decide what we can do without and what needs to be renewed. The gardener is doing the job of clearing away the rubbish and preparing afresh the ground. The weeds and dead wood are removed to make way for the good and beautiful things to grow.

For spiritual things there is also a time specially set aside for re-examination, reflection and reassessment. The season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until Easter gives us the opportunity to question the way in which we have used our lives. We need to discard those attitudes which are unproductive and wasteful and to clear the ground for a new, richer and more positive approach to the conduct of our lives in relation to God and one another. Without this spiritual stocktaking we may become stale; with it we can find a new and exciting vitality.

If you are not sure how to begin, why not join one of the house discussion groups which meet in the parishes during Lent. We will gladly let you have more information.

YOU may receive this NEWS just in time to be reminded of the Group Service of Welcome to New Buckenham. Sunday 10.30.



MRS SYZLING'S RAFFLE. As you know all but a few of the tickets were sold. So there is nearly £100 to spend. The tea service was given to the Group, therefore we wish to buy something which will bring some benefit to all the churches. The Group Council thought you might have an idea. What about it? All we have thought of so far is a set of display boards, like the ones we borrowed from the school for the very successful in Kenninghall.

THE NIGHT THE LIGHTS WENT OUT. And there was snow to keep some of the guests away, but candlelight added to the atmosphere of the very pleasant MU party held at Kenninghall last month. It was enjoyed by all.

WILEY CHURCH. Sometime soon we shall be giving more information - but if you are interested in history or interesting churches it is very well worth a visit. The interior, apart from one or two small things, is like stepping back into the time of King Charles I.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. Christmas seems light years away especially as Lent soon begins. But if it not too late Harry Saunderson, Kenneth Reeves and Anthony Lathe did appreciate the cards which many of you sent. Thanks!

ANNUAL MEETINGS. Like fishing and shooting these have their season, and it is about to happen! The church makes itself publicly accountable at its annual meetings. At them the local parochial church council presents its account of finance and other activities. Church wardens are elected and the PCC is elected for a year. To vote you have to be on the church ELECTORAL ROLL - and to get on to it you have to fill in a simple form (these are available). The annual meeting should take less than half an hour and all church members should be there.

The dates are as follows: February 12 Wilby  
February 26th Eccles March 5th Quidenham  
March 6th Kenninghall. March 12th Banham. April 9th  
Old Buckenham. April 23rd New Buckenham. All except  
Kenninghall will be after the morning service on  
Sunday.

FROM O - A NEW HALL IN A VERY SHORT TIME.

Old Buckenham residents will be familiar with the activities of the New Village Hall Committee, but people in other villages may well be interested in what can be done in just two years.

The old hall had been erected in 1922 and at the annual meeting of those interested in 1976 it was generally thought that the hall could not economically be repaired and improved up to minimum statutory requirements. A unanimous vote decided that a committee should investigate the feasibility of a new hall. Once the committee had reported, another vote was taken and everyone agreed that a new hall should be built. Since then gigantic fetes, and a host of other fund raising activities have taken place, and the response has been far in excess of expectations. Just over £6000 has been raised. Add to this the generosity of the Alstons in providing the site. £13000 has been given by the Department of Education and Science, and Breckland District Council and the parish council will be responsible for £6,500.

During this year a start will be made on the actual building but fund raising must continue to raise the additional £500 required towards the estimated £26,000 the building will cost. Additional finance will also be required for legal costs and furnishing the building.

When it is finished the new hall will, of course, meet all statutory requirements and it is hoped that there will be facilities for all groups, from pre-school children upwards.

You may remember that last month our 'leader' suggested greater use of the naves of all churches. This seemed to cause quite a bit of interest and among suggestions made has been the conversion of the nave of the church into a village hall with all the necessary facilities but still allowing it to be used for the congregation at worship. Perhaps it is too late for Old Buckenham - but it might be an idea to cause interest (and no doubt heated argument) elsewhere.

ANY, ANY, ANY OLD IRON - OR ANYTHING ELSE?

Seeing the advertisement page, members of our Group Council thought that anyone who wanted to advertise just in the local area might like to put a small advert. in this News letter. Perhaps we ought to charge about 50p for an advertisement  $\frac{1}{2}$  the size of one of the smaller ones, less for a line or two.



Because I have had many requests that the parish news should continue as it used to be - Mr Breeze and I decided it should be printed as before until such time that readers feel it to be unnecessary for New Buckenham to have it's own magazine. Although New Buckenham has joined the Quidenham Group of parishes our magazine embraces the secular events and many of our readers, particularly those who regularly subscribe are not members of either church or chapel.

It will mean that Church services and events will be duplicated. This may be a good thing, as I am sure that had they seen it advertised in the usual place, many more people would have attended the beautiful Lent service of hymns and readings that took place in the Church on February 15th.

On Sunday February 19th I attended a THINKING DAY service for Brownies and Guides. It took place at Wymondham Abbey, and its purpose was to commemorate the birthdays of Lord and Lady Baden Powell. In every way the service was perfect - it was short, bright and very well organised. The address was given by one of the curates. It was very appropriate for the occasion. After the address I heard a member of the congregation say "If there were more vicars like that - the children would go to church". Most clergy can address a childrens' service. It is probably easy; but the lot of the clergy on most Sundays is to try and say something meaningful to a congregation where the age range, from childhood to old age - and the level of understanding is vastly different. This must be very difficult.

#### FLOWERS FOR EASTER

High Altar:	Mrs Taylor.
Lady Chapel Altar	Mrs Howes.
Pedestal near Lectern:	Mrs Steward
Pedestal near Vestry:	Mrs Tite.
Puplit:	Mrs Cooper.
Lectern:	Mrs Whitwham.
North Windows:	Mrs Gladden, Miss Ringer and Mrs Gray.
South Windows:	Mrs Cope, Mrs Tofts, Mrs R. Cooper
	Mrs Saunders.
West Window:	Mrs Hamerton.
Chancel Window.	Mrs Wright.
Font:	Mrs Lincoln.
Table:	Mrs Smith.
Brasses:	Mrs Cope & Mrs Howes.

Joan Whitwham.

#### CHURCH SERVICES:

March 5th. Special Service for Mothering Sunday 11 a.m.  
 12th. Holy Communion 8 a.m. Matins 11 a.m.  
 19th. PALM SUNDAY at BANHAM. GroupmService 10.30 a.m.  
 26th. EASTER DAY. Sung Eucharist at 11 a.m.

#### Services in Holy Week:

MAUNDY THURSDAY at New Buckenham 7.30 p.m. Commemoration of  
 GOOD FRIDAY from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Devotions at Old Buckenham  
 7.30 p.m. THE WAY OF THE CROSS at Kenninghall.  
 SATURDAY- EASTER EVE. Candlelight Service of Light. 8 p.m. at  
 Quidenham.

Anthony Lathe.



## METHODIST SERVICES

### Morning

### Evening.

March 5th. A group from Norwich.  
(Family Service).

Rev. Webster

12th. Mr Bellamy.

19th. PALM SUNDAY. Supply. United Service at Attleborough

26th. EASTER DAY. Rev. Webster

Mr Mayhew.

WOMENS' FELLOWSHIP at 2.45 p.m.

March 14th. Mrs Cawston.

28th. Mr L. Humphreys.

F. Potter.

## PAST & FORTHCOMING EVENTS

PANTOMIME Once again the annual Christmas Panto is over, and as year by year passes the party gets larger and larger. This year 95 people visited the Theatre Royal to see Bill Maynard in "Jack and the Bean Stalk". I am sure I speak for you all when I say - a very enjoyable show.

M. Wright.

## SERVICE ON 15th FEBRUARY

The Readers were:-

Rev. Kenneth Reeves. Group Captain Kenneth Simpson (Wilby)

Mrs Doris Woolston (Banham) Mr Clem English (Eccles)

Mrs Jan Burrows-Wilkes (Kenninghall)

Mrs Helen Kennison (Old Buckenham)

Mrs Joan FitzPatrick (New Buckenham).

Rev. Harry Saunderson. Rev. Anthony Lathe.

E. Powell (Press Reporter).

## ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMENS' SECTION

Group Meeting at Hingham - March 1st at 7.30 p.m.

Monthly meeting at New Buckenham March 2nd. The Speaker will be Mrs Gray of Old Buckenham.

Please save used stamps. From the months of November to February £27 was realised for our Legion Schemes including Widows, Rest Homes and Welfare.

E. Powell (Chairman)

## GOOD COMPANIONS

The Good Companions held their meeting on February 16th. Mr John Rout of Banham kindly gave a film show of the Attleborough Tattoo; this was enjoyed by all members. A most enjoyable tea was provided and served by members.

We welcome old and new members to our next meeting on March 16th. There will be an outing to Bury St Edmunds on Wednesday April 12th. There are still a few seats. If anyone would like to come please let me have your names.

## CHIROPODIST

March 1st.

OUTING: March 29th.

OUTING TO BURY. April 12th. (10 a.m.) 45p. for members; 65p for others.

Jean Howling (Secretary)



NOTICES, ARTICLES etc.

The Annual Church Meeting. APRIL 23rd. after Morning Service.

D.Steward. Church Warden.

WEDDING on February 4th. CHRISTINE WRIGHT and GRAHAM WILBY.

Christine and Graham will live at St Martins Gardens.

INVALIDS MRS GEMMELL is home after a stay in hospital.

MRS LILY HOWLING is improving after several weeks illness.

MR CHARLES HANNER is ill at home.

OBITUARY As reported in last month's issue Mrs Hilda Woodcraft died after a short illness. Mrs Gwen Gray writes:-

"Hilda, I believe, came originally from the Harleston area. I have heard her speak of Wortwell, Starston and Redenhall. Later the family lived at Banham, Fornicett and Carleton Rode.

Hilda married Percy Woodcraft in 1942 and they made their home in Church Street where Percy's parents lived. Hilda had been a Widow since 1966. She was a very quiet reserved person, but a person who would help anyone if she possibly could. Many in New Buckenham know what she has done for elderly neighbours and friends - also younger ones. Hilda was very reluctant to ask for or accept help for herself but I know many have given her assistance when they were aware of her needs. Hilda had been alone about 11 years, but one rarely visited and found her alone.

She attended Church regularly and helped in many small ways. She lived quietly and left us quietly and bravely.

MR JIMMY BARKER died at Attleborough on 13th February. He was 79. He had lived in New Buckenham for most of his life and had been a widower for 20 years.

MRS SALT On going to print we have just heard of Mrs Salt's death in a Nursing Home. We extend to Mrs Lovell our sincere sympathy.

VILLAGE HALL FUND

Our Bingo on February 15th made a profit of £8. I would like to thank everyone for supporting our Bingos in such terrible weather. We have planned a Clothes Sale on May 22nd so if you are sorting your Wardrobe don't throw anything away - let us sell it for you.

Jean Howling.

NEW BUCKENHAM CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

The annual General Meeting of the New Buckenham branch will be held in the Village Hall on Friday March 10th at 7.45 p.m. After the meeting there will be a quiz versus the Wine Circle. We shall be very pleased to see anyone who is interested in this friendly event. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

V.L.Cowdery (Sec/Treasurer).

WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (Interdenominational)

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH at Quidenham Monastery. THEME "Community Spirit in Modern Living". The bus will pick up at 6.45 p.m. Will all who wish to go please come to the Vicarage.

J. Whitwham.



## DEANERY SYNOD

This was held at Kenninghall on February 22nd. The meeting was opened by the Lay Chairman, Mr Arthur Sheldrake.

The Rev. Anthony Lathe in a short address explained the reasons for pastoral reorganisation. The synod formed into large groups and each group had the task of apportioning the parishes into groups that could most conveniently be served by one clergyman, when as is expected, the Thetford and Rockland Deanery will have a total of only 10 full time clergymen.

J. Whitwham.

## NEW BUCKENHAM LOSSES

Some years ago there was an article in the Eastern Daily Press saying that New Buckenham was a dying village. There was a great outcry about this, indignation and denials. By then the Village School had been closed, and now some years later, we have lost our policeman and the police house - we have lost our Vicar and are now in a group of parishes and perhaps we are losing our Surgery.

Maybe, because we've had some new housing development and there are new people in the village it can no longer be described as dying, but certainly we appear to be losing our identity.

Losing the Surgery to all those without their own transport comes as a great blow. The cost of the fares and the walk and waiting to some of the sick and/or elderly must be quite painful to say the least. Those with transport probably find it hard to imagine what it must be like! Surely every effort should be made to find a solution to this problem, or are we just going to forgo yet another of our traditions in New Buckenham?

Joan FitzPatrick.

## PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st March in the Village Hall, 8.30 p.m.

For your Diary: The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd May at 8.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

I have received a letter from America asking for information concerning the family of a George Potter who was a Blacksmith living in New Buckenham. From information so far received it would appear he lived just into Marsh Lane. If anybody has any knowledge of his children perhaps they will let me know.

Contrary to some belief the Parish Council has been, and still is, in communication with the Family Practitioner Committee of the Norfolk Area Health Authority concerning the loss of the Surgery. From their last letter they were pursuing a certain line of inquiry and we are awaiting the result with interest.

L.H.V.Breeze (Chairman)